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Southend United stadium complex plan faces yet another delay

BLUES' EXTRA TIME AGONY

by Steve Shaw

Local democracy reporter

PLANS for Southend United's new 21,000-seat stadium and entertainment complex are facing another delay after the council requested extra time to scrutinise the proposal.

The extension request means the council's planning committee may not decide whether to grant planning permission until September 30 – two years after the original deadline.

In a letter sent to Southend United FC's planning agent, PowerHaus Consultancy, the council states that the reason for the delay is "to allow for submission of further information, assessment of information, consultation, negotiation and completion of a S106 agreement".

It adds: "Notwithstanding this request, should the council be in a position to issue a decision in relation to the application before September 30, 2019, I confirm that it will do so."

A council spokesman said: "The extension was agreed to allow more time to facilitate further discussions with the applicant. Whilst the application is still being discussed it would be inappropriate to comment further."

The proposed multi-million-pound development includes a 21,000-seat stadium on Fossetts Farm, off Eastern Avenue, as well as five residential buildings, shops, restaurants, a cinema and four full-



IMAGE: The proposed Fossetts Stadium site would include shops, a cinema and hundreds of new homes

sized grass football pitches.

The planning application was initially submitted in April 2017 and the council had until September of that year to determine whether it should go ahead.

Since then the council has requested several extensions, with the last request taking it from a December 2018 deadline to March 31.

In January, deputy council leader James Courtenay defended the delays saying that the scale of the project meant that far greater scrutiny had been necessary.

"We are talking about a retail area a third of the size of Lakeside,

a 21,000-seater stadium and 800 new homes," he said. "It could go before development control for a decision, but the applicant wants it to go through with everything recommended for approval."

"If things aren't set up right, it could be recommended for refusal. The applicant wants to get everything right and he's worked with the council on that."

Southend United chairman, Ron Martin, said: "The council's request for an extension to September 30 is not relevant to when the application will be heard."

"Local authorities are required to determine applications within a

prescribed period and in respect of an application that is subject to an environmental statement this is a minimum of 16 weeks.

"With an application of such magnitude, 16 weeks is unrealistic and why the council seeks extensions from time to time in order to be compliant. The club has consented on each occasion."

"This allows the council to carry on and complete their work and bring the application to committee hopefully within that period."

"If the council failed to do so they would seek a further extension before the expiry of September 30."

"This is not envisaged."

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Companies join forces to raise cash for new hospice

by Michael Cox

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TWO Southend businesses have teamed up to raise money for a new adult hospice that will care for people across south east Essex.

Law firm BTMK has joined forces with chartered surveyors and estate agents Ayers & Cruiks to raise money for Havens Hospices and the new Fair Havens Hospice, which is being built opposite Priory Park in Prittlewell.

The firms are hoping to raise more than £20,000 for the charity by April 2020 and have created a fundraising committee who will be organising a variety of events including golf days, a walking challenge and a Christmas varsity match.

BTMK's business development director, Victoria Elliott-Potter, said: "BTMK have always been supporters of Havens Hospices and when they began building, we wanted to help them take the next step in their journey by raising money to help build and equip their new in-patient lounge."

The charity said it is now just over £950,000 away from raising all the money needed to complete the project.

Kevin Cruiks, co-owner of Ayers & Cruiks, added: "We have a great relationship with BTMK and have also been involved with fundraising for Havens Hospices over the years."

"We are currently helping the charity



FIRM FOUNDATIONS: BTMK managing director Nitin Khandhia, Victoria Elliot-Porter, Havens Hospices' fundraisers Jacqui Knowles and Lydia Plews, and Kevin Cruiks at the new Fair Havens site

sell the current hospice site in anticipation of moving to the new building; we were delighted when they invited us to join with them on this fundraising initiative.

"It is going to take a mammoth effort from both firms to reach our target, but together we are determined to help Havens secure the future of local hospice care."

Businesses wanting to choose Havens Hospices as charity of the year can contact Jacqui Knowles on 01702 220354, jknowles@havenshospices.org.uk, or visit www.havenshospices.org.uk/corporate.

NEWS IN BRIEF

● **SOUTHEND** Council's director of tourism hailed the "busiest Easter for many years" as figures showed more visitors attended the town's pier over the Easter weekend than in the whole of March.

The council revealed 18,461 people visited over the weekend, which included the return of the Southend Shakedown motorcycle event.

Scott Dolling, director of culture, tourism and property, said: "This was the busiest Easter we can recall for many years with huge numbers visiting the breadth of our seafront and award-winning parks."

"The sunshine certainly helped, but the huge numbers clearly show the continued appeal of Southend as a visitor destination."

● **CARERS** living in Southend can get funding as part of an initiative aimed at improving their lives.

The Essex Carers scheme gives the chance to apply for cash grants towards computer training, respite care, adult education and additional support.

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● **AN EVENT** was held in Southend to help young people learn about apprenticeships.

Youngsters aged 15 to 19 got the chance to speak to advisors and experts on April 23 at the Tickfield Centre.

Among the exhibitors were South Essex College and Southend United Football Club.

Attendees were also able to register with recruitment agencies and get interview tips.

Vicar suspended over historic sex crime allegation

A VICAR from Essex has been suspended while he is investigated by police over a historic allegation.

The Diocese of Chelmsford confirmed a vicar had been suspended while officers carried out enquiries.

In its statement, the Diocese named the vicar, but the *YA* has chosen not to name him unless he is charged with a criminal offence.

The statement read: "We can confirm that the Bishop of Chelmsford has sus-

pended [the vicar] as he is the subject of a police investigation. We cannot say any more at this stage."

Surrey Police added: "A person was arrested on suspicion of an indecent assault last Wednesday, April 17. The

person was interviewed and has been released under investigation.

"The arrest is in relation to an allegation of historic offences which took place in Redhill in 1982. The investigation remains ongoing."

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GUEST: Ros Connors and Ruti Olajugbagbe at Gateway 97.8

TV talent show winner to appear at Village Green

THE winner of last year's season of The Voice UK dropped in on the *Yellow Advertiser's* media partner Gateway 97.8 to announce an upcoming appearance in Southend.

Ruti Olajugbagbe, 19, from Thurrock, won the ITV talent contest last spring in front of almost six million viewers.

She visited Gateway's Basildon studio last Thursday, April 25, to promote her upcoming gig on the main stage at Village Green in Chalkwell Park.

The singer was mentored throughout The Voice by Sir Tom Jones and has just released her debut EP, *Racing Cars*.

She told Gateway presenter Ros Connors that her performance in July would not be her first appearance at Village Green, as she last giggered there as a complete unknown.

"I did the last Village Green in 2017," she said. "I was on the Oak Stage, which was the smallest

stage you could go on. I was about 17 and I played my ukulele."

"But this year it's all different," Ros said.

"I'm on the main stage, which is crazy," Ruti told Gateway. "I remember when I was there last time, I was watching the main stage and I was like, 'Wow, I would really like to get there eventually. Maybe I will work my way up through the stages'. I didn't expect to get straight to the main stage."

Ruti described Village Green, on Saturday, July 13, as "very warm and friendly, and very family-friendly".

On the main stage she will be supporting headliners Busted, who she joked that she remembered from her pre-school days.

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Council vows to embolden more BAME councillors

Campaigners' data reveals authority among the least diverse in England

by Steve Shaw

Local democracy reporter

SOUTHEND Council has said it will do more to encourage residents to get involved in politics after a campaign group revealed it is among the least diverse authorities in England.

The pressure group Operation Black Vote analysed the number of councillors in single tier authorities that are from black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) backgrounds and found that all 51 of Southend's councillors are from a white British background.

This is despite ethnic minorities making up almost nine per cent of the population – a figure that could be higher due to it being based on data from the 2011 census.

The campaigners ranked Southend as the fifth worst in

the country for representation.

Thurrock Council, which is the only other single tier authority in Essex, has three BAME councillors with ethnic minorities making up 14 per cent of the overall population.

Alison Griffin, chief executive of the council, said: "Whilst it is ultimately the electorate who decide who becomes a local ward councillor, councils can do more to help make it clearer to the whole community what the role of a councillor is, and how to go about becoming one."

"Whilst we already do a lot of work to ensure voter registration and to promote local democracy, through our Southend 2050 ambition, we are committed to providing more accessible information on how members of the local community can become local councillors whether they are a member of a

political party or not."

The findings also revealed that of the 7,306 councillors in all single-tier authorities, 1,026 are BAME.

However, they are disproportionately affiliated with the Labour Party at 84.2 per cent, followed by the Conservative Party at 10.9 per cent.

The Liberal Democrats had just 3.1 per cent and 1.8 per cent are affiliated with other parties or independents.

Simon Woolley, director of Operation Black Vote, said: "Some of the data makes very depressing reading."

"The findings appear to show that some local political leaders really don't care about representative democracy."

"Leaving communities without a representative voice is a recipe for community breakdown and discord."

DEAL: John Synnuck of Swan Housing Association and Southend Council chief executive Alison Griffin



Queensway plan moves forward

A PARTNERSHIP has been formed between Southend Council and a housing association to deliver a major project to regenerate the Queensway estate in Southend.

The council and Swan Housing Association have signed contracts and formed a joint venture partnership after full council approved Swan as the preferred bidder in February.

The joint venture, Porters Place Southend LLP, will work on creating a full masterplan for the site. Set to last 30 years, it will develop plans, fund and develop the scheme and have an ongoing role in managing the site.

An example scheme by Swan for the procurement process included 1,600

homes, of which more than 500 were "affordable", green spaces and maintained four lanes of traffic on Queensway.

Andy Lewis, council deputy chief executive, said forming the partnership marked an "important milestone" in the project.

He added: "This is really just the beginning and there is much more work to be done. We are now collectively focused on the next stages."

"This includes working with stakeholders, including residents and businesses, to prepare a masterplan for submission for planning approval and more will be announced in due course."

"This project will not only provide better housing and a better place for those

currently living on the estate, it will also help to make this area a key entrance into our town centre and connect what will be a thriving new community with it and help to deliver a key part of our resident led ambition for 2050."

It is hoped the masterplan can be submitted for planning approval in 2020.

John Synnuck, CEO of Swan Housing Association, said: "We've been taking on complex regenerations just like Better Queensway for the last 25 years and so we are delighted to now have entered into partnership with Southend Council so that, working together, we can bring about the long-awaited regeneration of Queensway."

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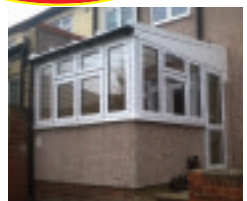
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Christine Willett Trust gives £20k to aid cancer patients

by Michael Cox

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A TRUST set up in the memory of a woman who died from cancer has generated £20,000 for Southend Hospital from its latest fundraising efforts.

The money, raised by the Christine Willett Trust, has gone towards purchasing equipment to "enhance the lives of cancer patients", a hospital spokesman said.

The trust was formed in honour of Christine, 44, from Bulphan, who passed away from breast cancer at the hospital in 1993. One of her last wishes was that all her assets should be used to help other cancer patients.

The trust was set up by her husband Colin, and has since raised £70,000 for Southend Hospital, as well as money for other Essex hospitals.

Colin attended the presentation ceremony and said: "It's been great to see our equipment in use."

"Christine would be so pleased and proud that we have continued her legacy and that even after all these years she is continuing to make a real positive difference in the lives of others who have cancer."

The biggest item that the £20,000 has helped to purchase is a new breast board for the radiotherapy department.

James Green, head of radiotherapy,



EQUIPMENT: From left, Rory Walford, senior therapeutic radiographer, Lucy Lock, Alex Cain – advanced practitioner pre-treatment radiotherapy, Colin Willett, Monica Gardner – secretary of the Christine Willett Trust, James Green and Sarah Walsh – clinical lead radiotherapy

said: "We are so grateful for this donation which has enabled us to buy a state of the art breast board to help immobilise patients who are being treated for breast cancer."

"This breast board provides both comfortable and reproducible immobilisation of the patient, while improving the

accuracy of the treatment."

The donation also ensured that the hospital could buy equipment to benefit oncology and haematology patients in Bedwell Ward.

The equipment included four reclining chairs, three blood pressure monitors, and a vein finder machine.

Lucy Lock, community fundraising officer at the hospital, said: "We are extremely grateful to the Christine Willett Trust and their supporters for once again providing us with vital new equipment that will help us enhance the care we can provide to our patients with cancer."

More cash to tackle criminals

MORE than £1.5million of extra money has been secured from the Home Office to help tackle serious violent crime in Essex.

It will be used to increase policing to target street violence and knife crime. The announcement by Nick Hurd MP, the Minister of State for Policing and the Fire Service, follows a meeting last month between the Home Secretary and senior officers from across the country.

Assistant Chief Constable Paul Wells said: "I'm delighted to say we have been successful in our bid and £1.5million in extra funding will be invested in our fight against violent crime and knife crime."

"We will use the additional money throughout the next year to further support our activity, which will be focused in identified violent crime hotspots, the targeting of habitual knife carriers and acting on community intelligence."

"We will also intensify our efforts to disrupt and dismantle criminal street gangs causing violence in our communities."

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Northern Ireland is the priority

ON the evening of Thursday April 18, journalist Lyra McKee was doing her job. On this day that involved standing near a police vehicle on the Creggan Estate in Derry witnessing cars ablaze and a pitch battle raging just a few feet away.

For someone born after the signing of the Good Friday Agreement, this would have been Lyra's first experience of what had been a regular occurrence during The Troubles.

It was also her last.

The police had received intelligence that arms were being held at addresses on the Creggan and that violence had been planned for the anniversary of the 1916 Easter Rising.

During an operation to search properties and seize weapons, members of a dissident republican group calling itself The New IRA launched an offensive.

In digital footage taken from a smartphone, a hooded figure can be seen crouching around a corner during the melee then appearing to fire a gun in the direction of the police.

Lyra was shot in the head. A statement released by the New IRA later said that the 29-year-old had been hit by accident while they were engaging "the enemy".

It would be easy to look at this as an indication that The Troubles have returned thanks in no small part to the uncertainty created by Brexit, but in the wake of a feeling of outrage by protestants and catholics alike it looks like the actions of The New IRA may yet backfire on them.

Lyra McKee is not the first journalist to be killed doing her job and she won't be the last, but her death has set off a wave of revulsion across the UK and the Irish Republic.

My only 'red line' to Brexit is that the Good Friday Agreement, which unlike a referendum is entrenched in law, must take precedence over everything else.

But even though the European Commission's antics have made me a Brexiteer, I would gladly sacrifice Brexit completely if it meant Northern Ireland didn't return to the violence of the past.

I have two brothers-in-law, nephews and nieces in Northern Ireland. Compared to them Brexit pales into insignificance.

■ What comes to mind when someone says the word autism? I'm guessing Dustin Hoffman in Rain Man - someone unable to engage with others and

prone to irrational, extreme outbursts.

While that can be true, there are many others out there you would probably never guess were on the autistic spectrum.

TV presenter Chris Packham is one such person. Teenage climate activist Greta Thunberg is another. She is focused, intelligent, able to address large crowds and has quickly become a role model for worldwide student activism. The world's media hangs on her every word.

Yet Greta has Asperger syndrome, obsessive-compulsive disorder and selective mutism - she speaks only when she needs to and says "now is one of those moments."

Many on the autistic spectrum are highly intelligent, balanced individuals who, as my eldest son - a psychology graduate - puts it: "we just don't read magic eyebrow language."

Being on the spectrum is not a disability, it's a condition. High performing autistics are often very successful and live relatively normal lives.

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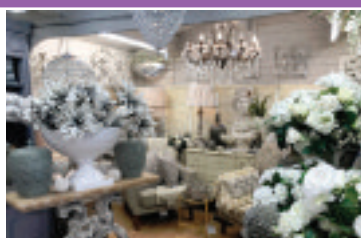
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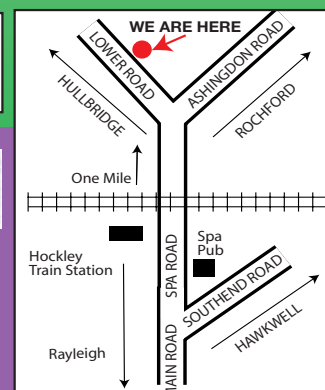
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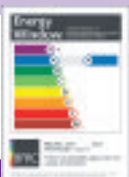
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In 1965, he opened his first pastry shop in an area called Rione Monti, right underneath the Colosseum, in the very centre of the first district of Rome. You can see his first machine, which he bought in the same year, displayed in the restaurant.

It was also in 1965 when Papa' Enrico, the head chef, was born from the love between Nonno Pino and Nonna Rossana.

The pastry shop became one of the busiest in Rome! Even though Nonno was spending most of his time working in his shop, he also became famous in the music scene for his skills playing the guitar.

He played along with some of the greatest Italian artists of his time. It didn't take long before he had his first TV appearance, two film roles, and a recording of his first LP disc.

In 1974, Papa' started working in the family business at the age of nine by doing some small jobs with his dad. When Nonno

saw Papa's talent, love, and passion for the job, he gave him the chance to take over the business at the age of 17 in 1982.

In the same year, Papa' met Mamma Sabrina. It didn't take long for him to fall in love with her. She was a beauty! After a long courtship, Mamma finally fell for him, too.

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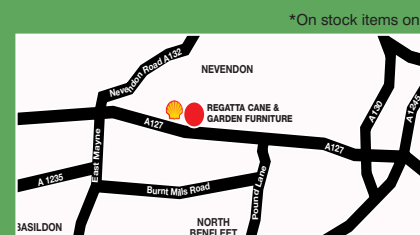
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THE House of Lords wants to save money by scrapping the free TV licences, bus passes, fuel allowance etc., but there is a much fairer way to make even bigger better savings without attacking the elderly.

The House of Lords is full of representatives that are not elected but are in place because they have a title and not based on their capability. They answer to no one and many only attend the meetings to clock in and earn easy money plus expenses and travel allowances.

This has gone on for too long. It's time that these leeches were stamped on and the House of Lords closed down for good.

I also feel that there needs to be a change to the electoral system that would eliminate the need for the destructive negative opposition parties who constantly disagree with the Government of the day because it is in the interest of their party to do so, even when it is not in the best interest of the country.

Recent debates on Brexit in the House of Commons have shown that the opposition parties are holding back the country and destroying democracy purely for political gain with the use of illogical arguments.

The Tories want to get rid of the Prime Minister but don't have the courage to do so because none of them are confident of solving the Brexit issue. Labour want to remove

Corbyn but don't know how and he refuses to go anyway.

The SNP don't want to be part of the UK and without them the leave result would have been close to 80 per cent so maybe we are better off without them.

Maybe we should allow Scotland to become independent and rejoin the EU so we can charge them when they use English roads when they cross the border.

It could be time for the UK to split up and let the four countries fend for themselves and see who has a better standard of living when they are not supported by central government.

What do YOU think?

*Keith Little
Benfleet*

Britannia waives the rules on trade

LEAVERS say we're the world's fifth largest economy and therefore have nothing to fear from leaving the EU.

Presumably this prosperity is due to our membership and once we leave we'll be poorer, not more prosperous.

Leavers say a lot of things – not one of them true and the bigger the baloney, the more people believe it.

The world is not all before us and it definitely doesn't love us, especially not America,

If Europe is indeed a nest of corrupt, bullying crooks, that's most unfortunate, being a large, powerful continent right on our small island's doorstep that we do 60 per cent of our business with and that we can't replace.

We already deal with China and the US through the EU.

How on earth will we do more business when it's our corner shop against their supermarket? The Commonwealth is poor in comparison. It can't even begin to replace the European market.

The English won't put up with being poorer for a moment. They will blame the leavers who promised them increased prosperity instead of poverty.

And if our politicians and businessmen are all corrupt or incompetent (as they seem to be), then who is going to be doing all these "golden deals?"

Most of the world is in trading blocs of their own, whose rules we will have to obey. Complaining that trading blocs are protectionist is like complaining that the sea is wet.

There is not a word of truth in anything a leaver says. It's all puff and bluster and fascist fantasy.

Rule Britannia. Britannia waives the rules. Welcome to Brexit fantasy island.

In that programme, if you recall, the fantasists didn't get their wishes, they got their comeuppance!

*Paul Divine
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Heritage Trail is our place in history

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*Vin Harrop
Billericay*



Campaigners launch library consultation

CAMPAIGNERS have launched their own consultation over plans to close up to 44 Essex libraries saying County Hall's consultation did not allow residents to express true feelings.

Save Our Libraries Essex (SOLE) is protesting over plans by Essex County Council to save £2million a year by axing up to 44 of the county's 74 libraries. The group said filling out the online survey takes two minutes, adding: "It's your chance to say the things Essex County Council didn't want you to."

The council's three-month consultation over the planned closures ended in February and attracted 20,000 responses.

But campaigners said the wording of the consultation inhibited residents and forced them to give their blessing to proposals they may not have supported. Respondents were asked to rank some of the proposed changes – but there was no way for residents to simply object to all of them. SOLE said this left residents to choose between boycotting the consultation, giving the impression that the public was ambivalent about the cuts, or completing it and giving their tacit approval.

The county council has branded 25 libraries, including Vange and Fryerns in Basildon, as "not required". Under the proposal, the council would not fund these and they could only stay open if groups stepped in to run them. A further 19 libraries would only receive council support but would shut if nobody else stepped in to run them. SOLE's alternative community consultation is at <https://tinyurl.com/SOLEconsultation>.

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1. Flymo 1200 R Robotic lawnmower and charging station, £599, for stockists visit flymo.com/uk

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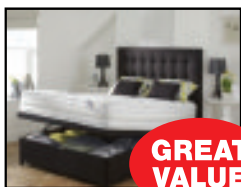


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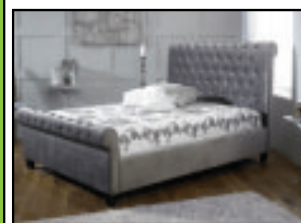
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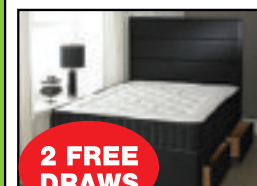


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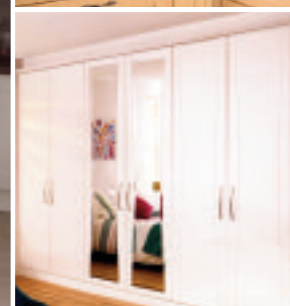
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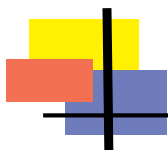


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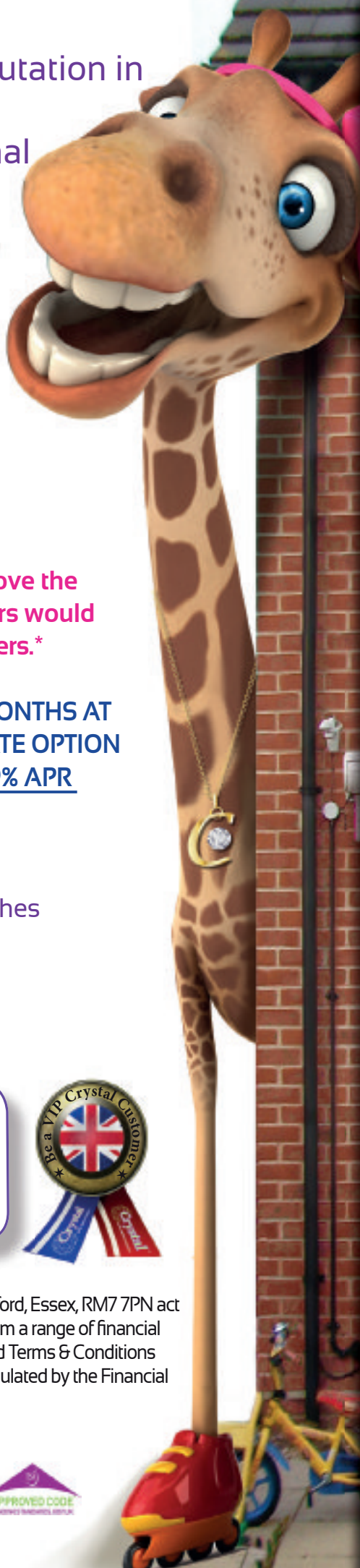
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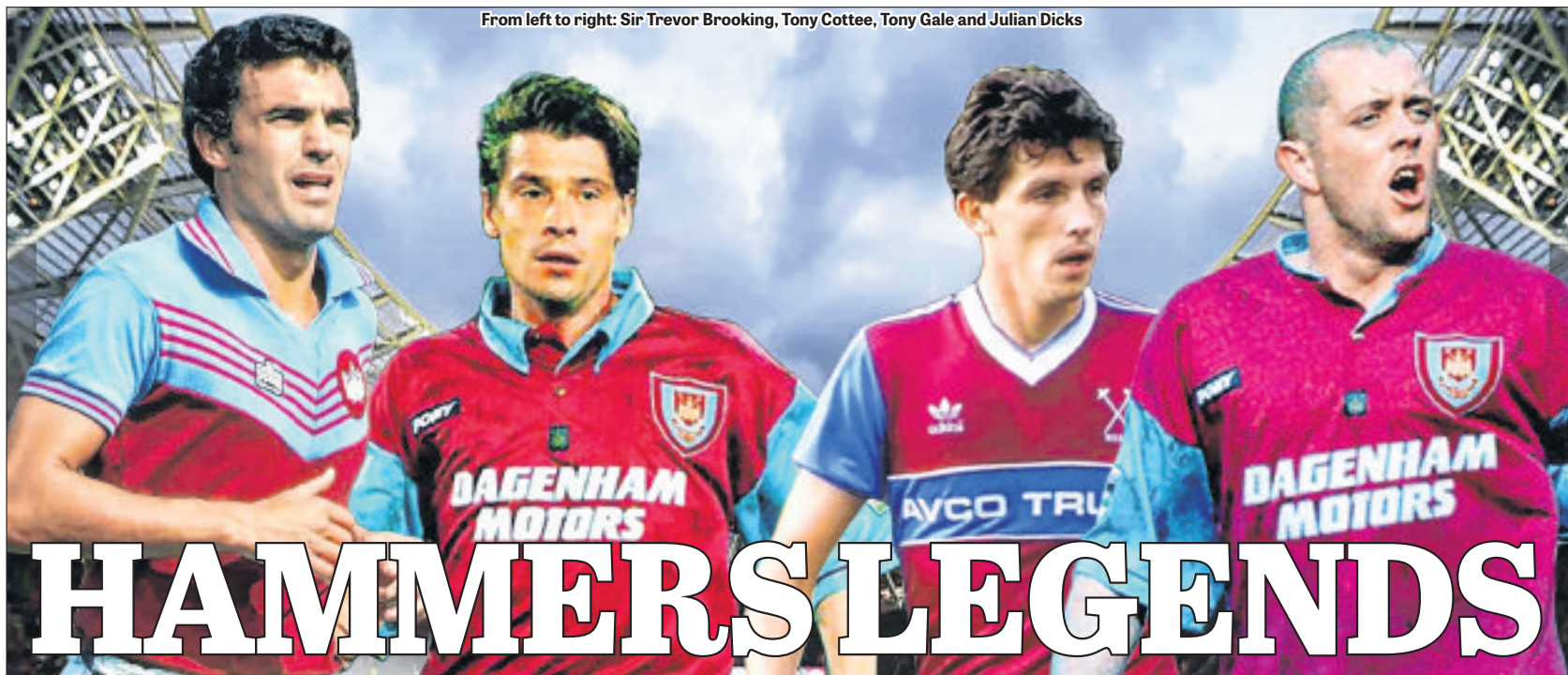


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From left to right: Sir Trevor Brooking, Tony Cottee, Tony Gale and Julian Dicks



HAMMERS LEGENDS

THEY shoot, they score. . . West Ham fans are advised to strike early if they want to guarantee a "pitch-side" seat for a must-see show for both Hammers fanatics and soccer lovers in general – West Ham Legends in Conversation at the Cliffs Pavilion.

Sir Trevor Brooking, Tony Cottee, Tony Gale and Julian Dicks grace the stage of the Southend theatre on Monday, September 9.

Show promoters Artistes International Management's previous football spectacular – Arsenal Legends – sold out well in advance of the performance earlier this year at the Cliffs Pavilion.

AIM MD David Halford says: "It promises to be a thoroughly entertaining evening as four of the most-loved Hammers candidly share their fondest memories of their time wearing the claret and light blue of West Ham."

The stars will discuss the games, the dressing room/training ground stories, managers and fallouts.

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There will be a chance to pose questions to the legends during the evening. A very limited number of VIP tickets are available for a meet and greet which includes a photograph opportunity before the show. Customers are advised to check availability when booking either by phone on 01702 351135 or by the website southendtheatres.org.uk.

Sir Trevor Brooking

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Tony Cottee

Netting 92 times in 212 league games, Tony made his first team debut at the age of 17, scoring in the process.

In 1986 he was voted PFA Young Player of the Year as West Ham came third in the top flight. The following season he recorded his highest league goal tally of his career with 22 goals.

Tony returned to West Ham following a successful spell at Everton, in 1994 to cement his place as a West Ham goalscoring legend.

Tony Gale

Gale made 300 league appearances spread over a decade for The Hammers.

His team-mates are said to have

fondly nicknamed him "Reggie" – after notorious gangster Reggie Kray. Apparently, this was not due to his defensive style but because the joker of the pack was never short of a playful cutting remark.

He formed a legendary partnership at the back with Alvin Martin. Now a regular face on Sky TV, Tony's quick wit and wits have served him well on and off the pitch throughout his lifetime.

Julian Dicks

Voted West Ham's player of the year on four occasions, Julian's wholehearted approach to the game as a player endears him to Hammers fans.

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Seth Rogen as Fred Flarsky and Charlize Theron as Charlotte Fields
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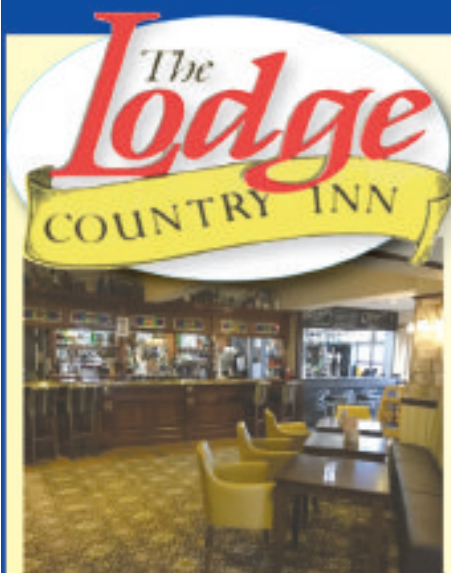
While Charlotte juggles diplomatic hot potatoes with effortless grace, Fred churns out articles for media mogul Parker Wembley (Andy Serkis) and trades barbs with his best friend Lance (O'Shea Jackson Jr).

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Hockley £129,950

This one bedroom park home is situated on the established Hockley park home development, providing park home living with peace and tranquillity in a secure and pleasant surrounding. Situated in a great location with views across open farmland and a conservation area towards the River Crouch, ideal for nature lovers or dog lovers having plenty of beautiful walks The park is available for the semi-retired and retired over 45's. The property has its own off street parking and wrap around garden - call now to arrange an internal viewing.



Rayleigh £365,000-£370,000

Being offered Chain Free is this three bedroom extended family home. Located in a sought after location of Rayleigh which is within walking distance to Mainline Station, Rayleigh Town Centre and close to excellent local schools for all ages. All this home needs is as family - benefitting from having a double storey extension containing dining room and cloakroom to ground floor and 19' master bedroom to the first floor, your family will have room to spread out. This could be the perfect purchase - call now to arrange an internal viewing to appreciate the spacious accommodation on offer.



Thundersley £290,000

Situated within close proximity of Thundersley Common is this quaint semi detached bungalow. Offering a detached garage and a West facing rear garden of approximately 50ft, this bungalow, in our opinion, would suit a keen gardener. There is potential (subject to planning permission) for a loft conversion and to extend to the rear of the property. The detached garage is accessed via the shared driveway and is approximately 18ft in length.

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Hullbridge £340,000

Occupying a most sought after village location is this two bedroom detached bungalow, situated close to the River Crouch and Kendals nature reserve with its great walks just a short stroll away. Offering plenty of potential and benefitting from having 19' kitchen/diner, Natural light flooded lounge, conservatory with French doors leading to well maintained wrap around rear garden, detached garage and independent driveway. With easy access to all local amenities, train stations just a short drive away, this could be the perfect purchase for you. Call now to arrange an internal viewing.



Rayleigh £415,000

You won't be disappointed when you enter the doorway of this fully refurbished extended four bedroom semi detached chalet. Being offered Chain Free and situated on a highly sought after location in Rayleigh, close to outstanding schools, Grove Wood and Fitzwimarc, transport links and amenities. This property will tick all your families needs having many fine features which are there to impress including superb open plan contemporary living space overlooking the rear garden, a new central heating system, a desirable fitted kitchen, fantastic new fitted bathroom and en-suite, smooth plastered ceilings and walls, new flooring throughout, Boasting a garage in block opposite and driveway. It has space, style and is picture perfect throughout - viewing is highly recommended to appreciate the size and accommodation on offer. Call now!



Hockley O.I.E.O £190,000

Situated in a popular part of Hawkwell is this freehold ground floor flat. It has its own front door and direct side and rear access onto a private South facing rear garden. The rear garden measures in excess of 65ft and offers a wealth of opportunities to a keen gardener. There is a shed with power, and also a summerhouse which is being used as an office by the current owners. Internally you will find a lounge/ diner, bathroom with three piece bathroom suite, large double bedroom with fitted wardrobes and kitchen with newly fitted uPVC double glazed door leading to the rear garden. The property further benefits from having off street parking, uPVC double glazing and gas central heating. With Hockley station being situated approximately 1.1 miles away and Clements hall situated close-by, this would in our opinion suit a commuter, first time buyer

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HADLEIGH \ Guide £460,000 - £475,000**FOR SALE**

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Southend £450,000

EXCEPTIONAL AND EXTENDED In sought after Southchurch Park area close to c2c station, seafront etc, large four bedroom three storey luxury family house with three reception areas, refitted en suite shower room to large 2nd floor master bedroom, family bathroom, cloaks/wc, well fitted kitchen, 90'0 (approx) rear garden. Double glazing, gas central heating, off street parking. Nice order throughout. Really super example that must be viewed. EPC=tab. Ref: bv123



Westcliff £160,000

CLOSE TO HAMLET COURT ROAD shopping facilities and with easy access to Westcliff station, a two bedroom ground floor flat with a south backing private garden. The property benefits from gas central heating by radiators, and has the advantage of no onward chain. Ideal first purchase or buy to let investment. Long lease. EPC=E. Ref: bv073.



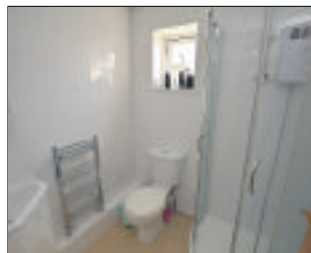
Hullbridge £400,000

HULLBRIDGE HAVEN... Commanding wide frontage in quiet semi rural location, extended and improved 3-4 bedroom bungalow having annexe area. Two west backing garden areas total 80 x 40 (Approx). Ample off road parking. 19'6 X 12'6 lounge, 14'9 x 12'6 kitchen, 12'0 x 12'0 sitting room. Annexe has study, bedroom and shower/wet room. Gas central heating, double glazing. Unique property with considerable further potential. EPC=d. Ref: bv130



Westcliff £280,000

BACKING WEST in popular location close to London Road shops/facilities and Southend Hospital, a well maintained three bedroom semi detached house. Open plan kitchen/diner, gas central heating, double glazing. Excellent family home that should be considered a priority to view. EPC=TBA. Ref: BV054



Southend-On-Sea £475,000

SOUGHT AFTER SOUTHCHURCH PARK AREA... Desirable detached four bedroom residence with double garage to rear. First floor bathroom and separate shower room, ground floor cloaks, two reception rooms and 23'6 fitted kitchen/breakfast room, conservatory, double glazing, gas central heating, ample off road parking to front. South end of Sandringham Road backing west, close to park, seafront etc. With so few detached properties in the park locality this is indeed a rare opportunity. EPC=tba. Ref: BV022



Southend £265,000

SOUTHCHURCH VILLAGE... Close to shops, c2c station and good schools, three bedroom, two reception extended three bedroom family house. Gas central heating, double glazing, good sized kitchen/breakfast room. Excellent value so unlikely to remain available for long. EPC=d. Ref: bv121



Southend £329,000

DOUBLE EVERYTHING! With double detached garage, a double fronted detached bungalow with two double bedrooms. ? Spacious, versatile accommodation with 30'0 "thru" lounge/diner, 21'0 kitchen/breakfast room, ensuite washroom to master bedroom, gas central heating, double glazing. Good sized unoverlooked rear garden. Quiet but convenient residential location. EPC=E. Ref: BV115



Southend £275,000

VERY TIDY TERRACED... In favoured Southchurch Village area, much improved three bedroom, two reception family house. 13'3 X 10'1 fitted kitchen, attractive modern bathroom, double glazed conservatory, west backing garden. Close to C2C station, Southchurch Road shops and local schools. Good decor, spacious design, well worth viewing! EPC=tba. Ref: bv080.





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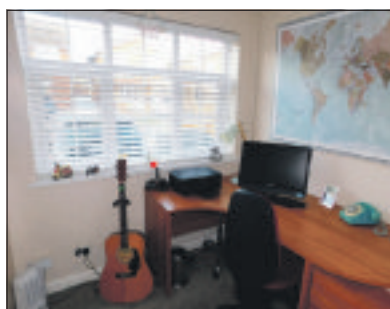
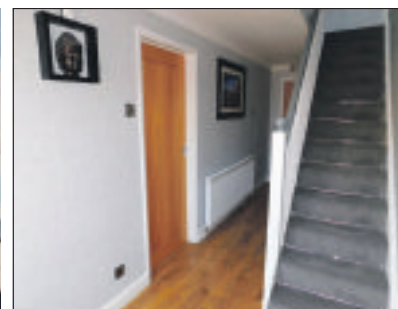
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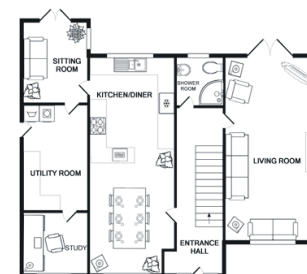
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Aston Super GT goes topless

Aston Martin in production is going to the arrival of the DBS Superleggera Volante.

Its release in the autumn priced from £247,500, the model is one of the fastest convertibles ever produced.

Like the regular DBS Superleggera it is powered by a 5.2-litre V12 engine developing 715bhp giving it a top speed of 211mph and a 0 to 60 sprint time of just 3.6 seconds.

Aerodynamically the Volante has been modified to accommodate its cloth roof with changes to the rear spoiler which now develops 177kg of downforce at maximum speed – just three kilos less than the coupe.

The roof itself is made from eight layers of fabric and takes 14 seconds to open, 16 to close and can be operated remotely within two metres of the car via the keyfob.

For the first time on an Aston Martin Volante the window screen surround is available with a 2x2 twill carbon fibre finish, with the option to continue that theme to the

car's tonneau. The finish replaces a leather trim and a tinted carbon fibre effect is available as an option.

The Volante has been announced only days after Aston Martin revealed its specialist Q division is to produce a limited run of 24 models to commemorate the brand's historic 1-2 Le Mans victory in 1959.

Dr Andy Palmer, Aston Martin president, said: "There is nothing on earth that compares to the roar of an Aston Martin V12 and I believe that the DBS Superleggera Volante provides one of the greatest sensory experiences in the automotive world."

"This is truly a testament to the no compromise approach of our engineers and designers, to deliver the two key aspects of a convertible Super GT."

"Exceptional performance in an irresistible form, DBS Superleggera has justifiably won the hearts and minds of Super GT lovers the world over, and the Volante takes this concept to the next level."



OPEN ROAD: The Aston Martin DBS Superleggera Volante

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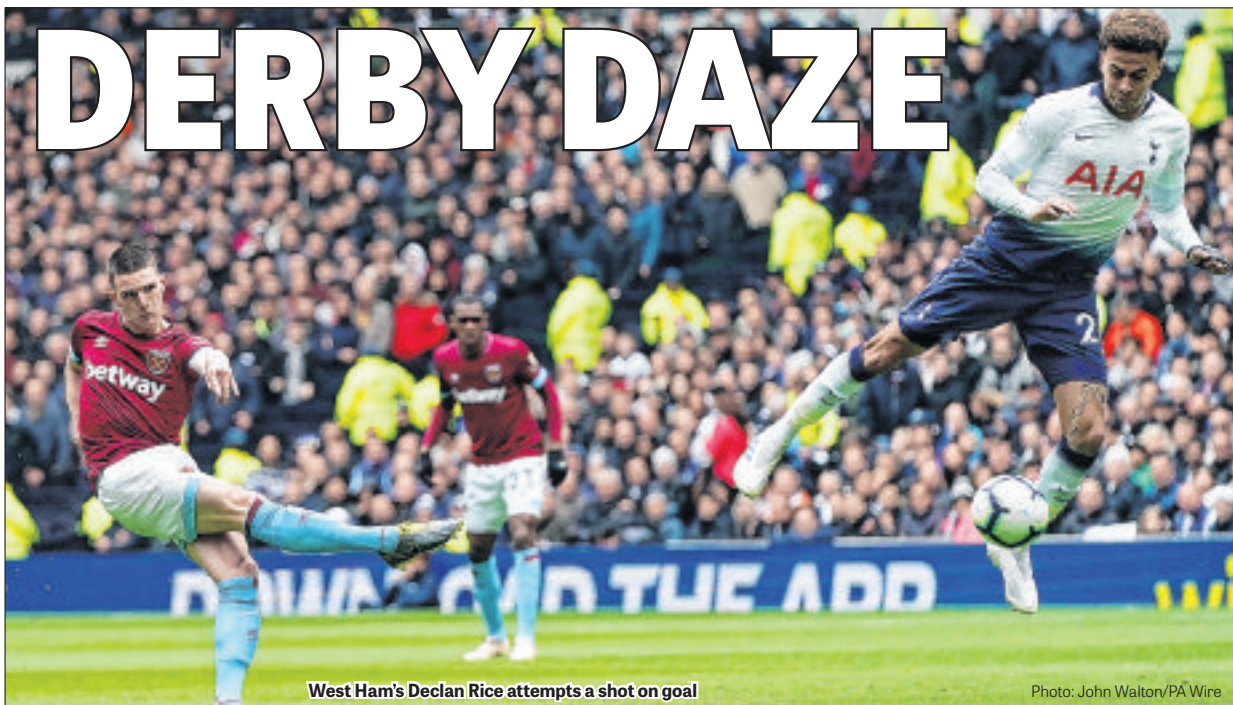
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West Ham's Declan Rice attempts a shot on goal

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Football

by **Brian Jeeves at the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium**

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Tottenham Hotspur 0-1 West Ham
MICHAEL Antonio struck midway through the second half as West Ham became the first visiting team to win at the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium, sticking a dent into the north Londoners' hopes of a top-four finish.

Spurs, injury-hit and weary, went into the match in the knowledge a victory would go some way towards that ambition. "We know very well how important it is to get in the top four – it's going to be a massive achievement," boss Mauricio Pochettino explained.

Hammers boss Manuel Pellegrini, was equally bullish. "It's a derby, of course, which gives us motivation," the Chilean said.

The Hammers displayed their intentions in the opening seconds.

Declan Rice a fraction too high with a thundering drive from 30 yards. Heung-Min Son passed up a couple of decent opportunities –

firstly lifting high and wide, then finding Lukasz Fabianski in the way as the home side responded swiftly.

It was an otherwise scruffy opening half. Ryan Fredericks drew a smart save from Hugo Lloris, while Antonio wasn't far away as the Hammers' quest to upset their rivals continued.

Following a sustained spell of possession, Lucas Moura was agonisingly close with an angled strike which Fabianski was relieved to see fizz the wrong side of an upright.

The scrappy nature of the contest persisted. Christian Eriksen attempted to produce a carbon copy of his winner against Brighton, while Felipe Anderson stuck with the unrelenting long-range theme but only found Lloris's midriff.

Marko Arnautovic had been subdued during the opening period. But the Austrian frontman twice tested Tottenham's resolve immediately after the restart.

Shortly after the hour Antonio ruthlessly rifled home after Arnautovic picked him out – the Hammers becoming the first side to breach Spurs at their new home.

In a frantic bid to get back into the game, Pochettino threw on Fernando Llorente and Vincent Jansen but with the game now stretched, both Arnautovic and Antonio almost doubled the Hammers advantage as the east Londoners broke quickly against an exhausted Spurs backline.

Issa Diop should have made the points safe marauding clear only to be thwarted by a fully extended Lloris. But Tottenham's late toil offered little threat. Fabian Balbuena did exceptionally well to sweep Jansen's goalbound header off the line in what proved to be the last act of a highly competitive derby.

After the game, Pellegrini was understandably delighted with his Hammers side.

"I think both teams played very well. We defended for 90 minutes – the way we hadn't in other games. I am happy for our performance. It was not an easy goal for Antonio to score but he did very well."

Frustrated Spurs boss Pochettino said: "I think they showed more energy than us in the second half."

"We conceded a lot of space

to players like Arnautovic and Antonio."

Spurs now turn their attention to a UEFA Champions League semi-final first leg tie with Ajax at the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium on Tuesday, April 30 (8pm). They then face AFC Bournemouth in the Premier League at the Vitality Stadium on Saturday, May 4 (12.30pm).

West Ham are next in action on Saturday, May 4 when Southampton are the visitors to the London Stadium.

Tottenham Hotspur: Hugo Lloris (capt), Danny Rose (Vincent Jansen 77'), Toby Alderweireld, Davinson Sanchez, Heung-Min Son, Eric Dier, Dele Alli (Victor Wanyama 85'), Juan Foyth, Christian Eriksen, Lucas Moura (Fernando Llorente 66'), Ben Davies Subs not used: Paulo Gazzaniga, Kieran Trippier, Kyle Walker-Peters, Oliver Skipp

West Ham United: Lukasz Fabianski, Fabian Balbuena, Marko Arnautovic (Lucas Perez 80'), Felipe Anderson, Robert Snodgrass (Pedro Obiang 77'), Mark Noble (capt) (Angelo Ogbonna 85'), Issa Diop, Ryan Fredericks, Arthur Masuaku, Michail Antonio, Declan Rice Subs not used: Adrian, Pablo Zabaleta, Javier Hernandez, Jack Wilshere

Referee: Anthony Taylor
Assistants: Gary Beswick and Adam Nunn
Fourth Official: Jonathan Moss
Attendance: 60,043

Blues facing one last game to avoid drop

Rochdale 1-0 Southend United
By **Brian Jeeves**

SOUTHEND United face a huge task to avoid relegation from Sky Bet League One after a second-half goal from Ian Henderson handed fellow-strugglers Rochdale a single-goal success and three priceless points at the Crown Oil Arena.

Henderson picked up the pieces to fire home after Blues stopper, Mark Oxley, had saved Ethan Hamilton's initial effort, leaving the Roots Hall Stadium club sitting above the dropzone on goal difference and needing to beat promotion-chasing Sunderland in their final match to ensure their safety.

Despite the importance of the game, Blues were toothless throughout.

"We didn't really have many chances in the whole game, to be honest," boss Kevin Bond told www.southendunited.co.uk.

"Latterly when we went a goal behind, we had to open up a little bit and stretch the game, but there was nothing really in it. From our point of view, you're always going to find it difficult if you can't keep a clean sheet.

"A poor lack of concentration leading up to giving away a corner which we didn't need to and another one which they scored from was really unnecessary in a game that was always going to be one goal that decides it.

"As we've shown before, it's very difficult for us when we go behind but most of all if we can't

keep a clean sheet we're going to find it difficult."

And Bond's concern, particularly on the lack of chances, was clear to see. "They made it difficult for us, but we didn't have enough presence up front and we had to change the way we played in the first-half."

"It's always a problem playing three at the back against full backs because you can't get to them. We changed the way we play, got back in the game and looked more like it towards the end of the first-half."

"We didn't create as many chances as we'd like. I didn't expect us to create that many, but we weren't able to create as many problems as we would have wanted in truth."

"Having said that, we just needed to keep it level and you get your

chances. McLaughlin went through and is a hair's breadth [offside] and he scores. Games are decided on fine lines and for us those fine lines haven't been going for us."

Southend face Sunderland at Roots Hall Stadium in their final Sky Bet League One game of the season on Saturday, May 4 (5.30pm).

Rochdale: Lillis, McNulty, Ebanks-Landell, Williams (Dooley 72'), Camps, Keohane, Wilbraham, Hamilton, Pyke (Done 63'), Bunney, Henderson (capt) (Andrew 87'). Subs not used: Nthle, Delaney, Adshea, Wade

Southend United: Oxley, Bwomono, Hyam (Dieng 13') (Kightly 60'), Turner, Cox, Kiernan, Mantom (capt), Moore, Bunn, Hendrie (McLaughlin 60'), White. Subs not used: Bishop, Yearwood, Kelman, Hart
Referee: B Toner
Assistants: D Ford and Mrs N Aspinall
Fourth Official: M Edwards
Attendance: 5,000

Non-league football

O's promoted as champions

LEYTON Orient and Hullbridge Sports are celebrating title triumphs in their respective leagues following a dramatic final day of the season for the majority of the region's clubs.

Orient clinched top spot in the National League and a return to the Football League with a goalless draw with relegated Braintree Town.

More than 8,000 fans crammed into Brisbane Road as Orient lifted league honours for the first time in almost half a century.

Hullbridge with play in the Bostik North for the first time in their history next season after a second-half double from Adebola Sotoyinbo ensured a 2-1 success over Stanway Rovers and the Essex Senior League title.

Elsewhere in the National League, Dagenham & Redbridge completed their campaign with a 1-1 draw against promotion hopefuls Solihull Moors at Victoria Road. Conor Wilkinson handed the Daggers the lead two minutes after the break only for Jermaine Hylton to restore parity ten minutes later.

Agony for National South side Billericay Town who crashed to a 2-0 defeat against Bath City at the AGP Arena and miss out on a play-off place. Concord Rangers also look like missing out despite finishing in the top seven. The Beach Boys' Aspect Arena ground has been deemed unsatisfactory for the Canvey-based club to compete in the play-offs due to insufficient seating. Connor Essam and Joan Luque scored as they saw off Eastbourne Borough 2-1 at Priory Lane, but that will come as little consolation, despite Concord finishing in their highest-ever league position.

Elsewhere in the National South, Rhys Murphy's early goal saw Chelmsford City secure a 1-0 victory at Chippenham Town. The Clarets will face Welling Utd in the play-offs.

However, East Thurrock Utd will be playing Bostik League football next season. The Rocks' relegation had already been confirmed and they went out with a 1-1 draw at Hungerford Town – Shaun Batt with the visitors' goal.

Bostik North champions Bowers & Pitsea rounded things off with a 3-1 success over Tilbury at the Len Salmon Stadium. James Thomas, Jamie Dicks and David Knight found the net for Bowers – George Sykes responding for the Dockers.

Sam Bantick (2, 1 pen), Adam Bailey-Dennis and Thomas Richardson were Aveley's target men in a 4-0 romp over Soham Town Rangers.

The Millers play-off rivals Maldon & Tiptree also eased to victory, thrashing Barking 7-1 thanks to goals from Percy Kiangbeni, Tariq Issa, Rob Girdlestone, Eddie-Louis Dsane (2) and Jerome Slew (2) – Nana Boakye-Yiadom with the east Londoners' solitary strike.

Coggeshall Town and Heybridge Swifts make up the Bostik North play-off quartet. First-half goals from Jayden Randell and Abouhadje Kouassi saw the Swifts win 2-1 at Bury Town.

Romford are relegated despite beating Felixstowe & Walton Utd with goals from Craig Jeakins, Joseph Chidyausiku after chief rivals for the drop, Witham Town, triumphed 2-0 as Basildon Utd – Kevin Coyle and Sam Ashford ensuring Witham's safety.

Adeyinka Cole, Frankie Merrifield and Ryan McLaugh were Canvey Island's scorers in a 3-1 triumph at Brentwood Town – Charlee Hughes on target for the home side. Grays Athletic won 3-0 at Mildenhall Town – Dennis Oli, Mitchel Hahn and Michael Toner on target for the visitors.

It was a tough afternoon for Great Wakering Rovers. The Burroughs Park outfit were thrashed 6-1 at Dereham Town. An own-goal from Matthew Castellall all the Villagers had to show for their efforts.

There were plenty of goals in the Essex Senior League. Redbridge led the way with a thumping 10-0 win at St Margaretsbury.

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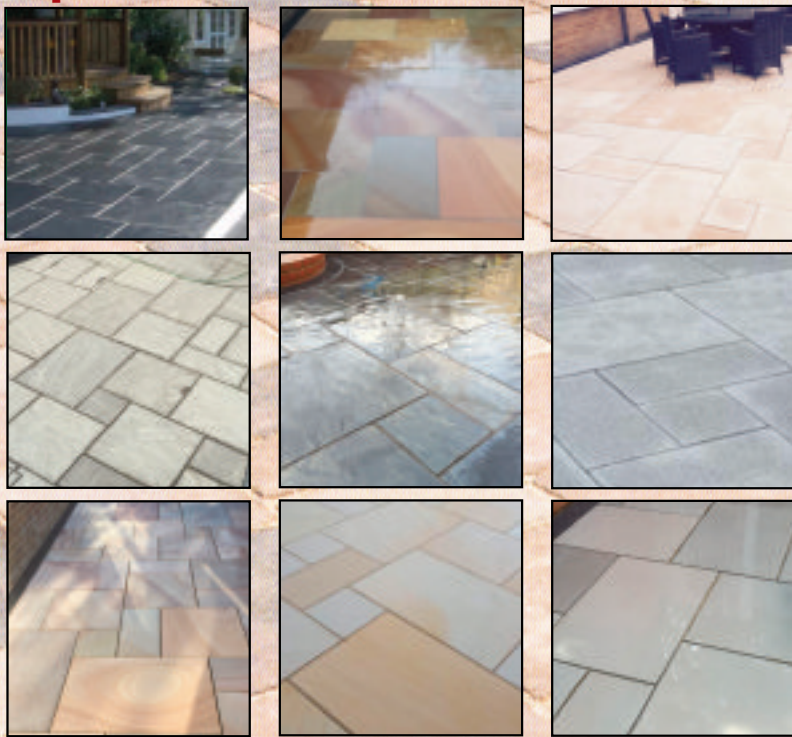


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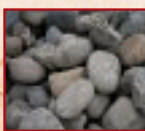
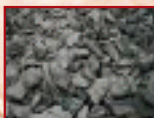
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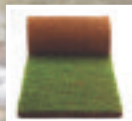
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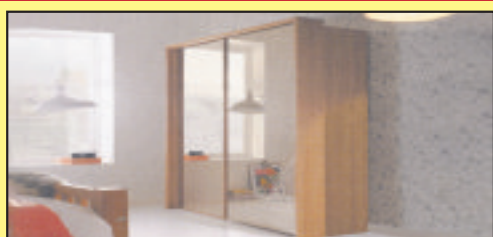
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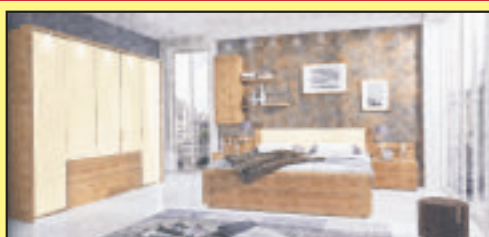
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